

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Claims 1-14 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,430,306 to Slocum et al. ("Slocum").

Claims 15-18 have been withdrawn from consideration and the election of claims 1-14 and 19-20 is affirmed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Slocum does not anticipate claim 1 because it does not disclose "a first server in operable communication with the first database, the first server programmed to send, at a predetermined time, one or more digitized images from the first database to a biometric recognition system, the biometric recognition system in operable communication with a second database" as recited in claim 1 in combination with the other elements of claim 1.

The Office cites the central image server 20 (col. 6, lines 7-9) as an example of teaching in Slocum that corresponds to this aspect of claim 1. When reviewed in the broader context of the paragraph at col. 6, lines 7-9, it is clear that Slocum is describing the function of the central image server 20 in the process of collecting the data and issuing a command to a recording unit 14 to record information on a data card. There is no teaching that this central image server is "programmed to send, at a predetermined time, one or more digitized images from the first database to a biometric recognition system" as claimed.

Slocum describes at cols. 7 and 8 that a verification module in the data processor 34 performs the process shown in Fig. 2. There is no suggestion in Slocum that the central image server referenced in col. 6, or any other server, is involved in the process performed by the verification module executing within the data processor 34. As such, Slocum does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2-10 are patentable over Slocum for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 11 is rejected on similar rationale as claim 1, yet claim 11 has different elements than claim 1. Slocum does not disclose: ... each match having a score; "(c) selecting from the second database those results having a score above a predetermined threshold and providing the results to a fourth database;" and "(d) providing the selected results to an investigator" in combination with the other elements of claim 11. Slocum

discloses an application program element that displays each image within the database stored in memory 24 that is substantially similar to the image acquired by the camera element 30. Slocum is silent regarding a score and specifically selecting results from a database having a score above a predetermined threshold, providing the results to a fourth database, and providing the selected results to an investigator. As such, Slocum does not anticipate claim 11.

Claims 12-14 are patentable over Slocum for at least the reasons provided for claim 11.

Claims 19-20 are cancelled without prejudice.

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